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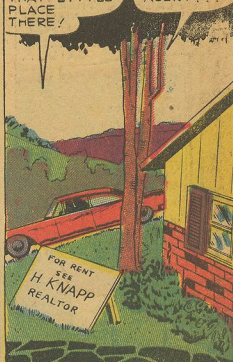
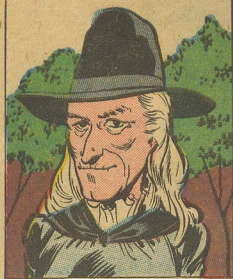
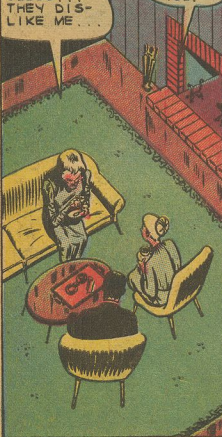
THEY CALLED HER A WITCH

HOW COULD ANYONE CALL SWEET, OLD MISS MARTEK A WITCH? PHIL AND LOIS CHANDLER COULDN'T UNDERSTAND THAT...

OH, MY! SOMEONE IS IN SERIOUS TROUBLE!

THE HOUSE WAS CHEERY AND LOIS WAS PLEASED..

THE RENT WAS SO LOW! I SHOULD THINK THEY COULD SELL THIS PLACE EASILY!
I WONDERED ABOUT THAT... MR. KNAPP SAID THERE WAS A REASON FOR THAT... HE SAID...

HOW DO YOU DO?
...UH.. HI!

INTRODUCTIONS WERE MADE...
I'M PLEASED TO MEET YOU, MY DEARS! I HOPE YOU'LL HAVE A FINE HOLIDAY!
WON'T YOU STAY FOR TEA, MISS MARTEK?

OH, YES! NO ONE HAS ASKED ME TO TEA FOR A VERY LONG TIME... I GUESS... THEY DISLIKE ME...
BUT WHY SHOULD ANYBODY DISLIKE YOU? WE LIKE YOU!

THANK YOU FOR THE TEA ...PEOPLE AROUND HERE SAY THAT I'M A... WITCH! HEE HEE HEE! GOOD-BYE!

SHE COULD PASS AS A WITCH IN ONE OF THE WEIRD STORIES YOU WRITE, PHIL!
YES, SHE COULD...
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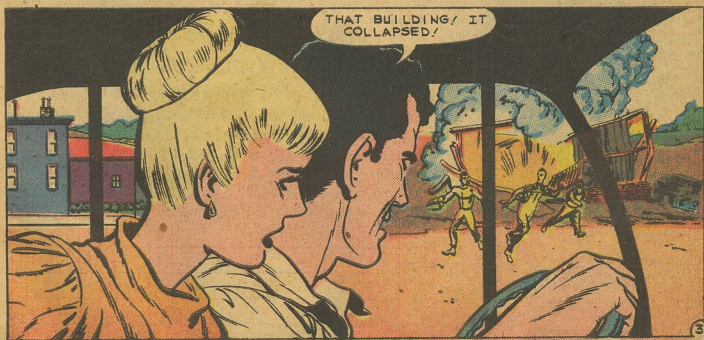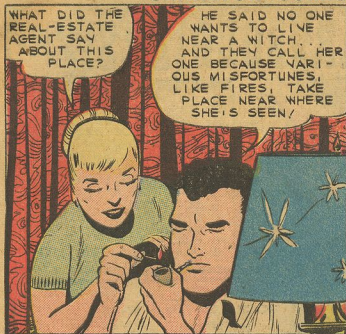
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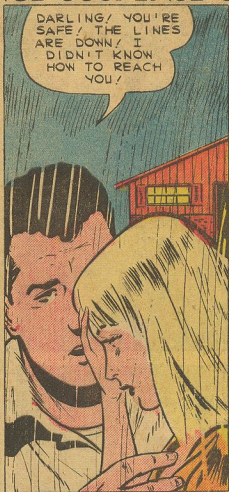
DAYS LATER, THEY WERE MAKING READY FOR THE END OF THEIR HAPPY VACATION!
I'M GOING SHOPPING DOWN IN THE VILLAGE, PHIL.
TAKE CARE! DON'T GET MIXED UP IN ANY WITCHCRAFT, DEAR!

A COUPLE OF HOURS LATER, A VIOLENT CLOUDBURST SUDDENLY CAME AS LOIS WAS DRIVING HOME
THIS IS AWFUL! I HOPE I CAN MAKE IT HOME ALL RIGHT!

CRASH

WHY THAT'S MY NEIGHBOR, MRS. CHANDLER, IN HER CAR! I CAN'T GET HER OUT AS SHE IS!

MISS MARTEK MADE STRANGE GESTURES AND UNEARTHLY CHANTING SOUNDS...

DON'T BE FRIGHT-ENED, MY PET! FLY HOME! YOU KNOW WHERE TO GO!

DARLING! YOU'RE SAFE! THE LINES ARE DOWN! I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO REACH YOU!

I... REMEMBER THE CAR WENT DOWN WITH THE BRIDGE... THE NEXT THING I REMEMBER IS ... AS IF I FLEW HERE!

THEIR VACATION WAS AT AN END...AND PHIL HAD BOUGHT ANOTHER CAR... NOW THEY WERE ON THEIR WAY BACK TO THE CITY...
WE MUST LEAVE NOW, MISS MARTEK...WE STOPPED AT YOUR HOUSE TO SAY GOODBYE BUT YOU WEREN'T HOME...
I'LL TURN AROUND AND GIVE YOU A LIFT BACK, MISS MARTEK...

NO, I'LL GET HOME ALL RIGHT! I DO HOPE YOU'LL COME BACK NEXT YEAR!
WE WILL ...WE MIGHT EVEN BUY THAT HOUSE... YOU'LL BE A NICE NEIGHBOR TO HAVE!

I SUPPOSE YOU'LL WRITE MISS MARTEK INTO SOME FANTASTIC YARN WHEN YOU GET BACK!
OH, I DON'T THINK SO...SHE'S TOO NICE AN OLD LADY TO MAKE INTO A WITCH-TYPE!
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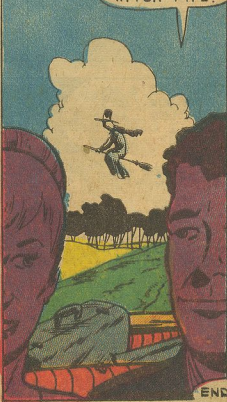
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HERE'S ALL YOU DO!
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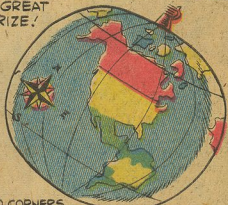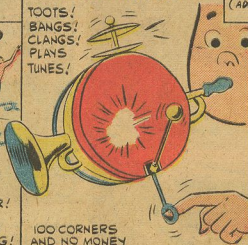
THE INEXPLICABLE
IT WAS A REMARKABLE EXPERIENCE FOR HUNTERS TO ENCOUNTED ON THEIR TRIP IN THIS REMOTE WILDERNESS...AND IT WAS AN EXPERIENCE THEY WOULD NEVER FORGET AND WOULD NEVER UNDERSTAND!
WAIT! THE BEAR IS GONE BUT THERE'S THAT MOUNTAIN GIRL AGAIN!
JED PETERS AND CLIFF THOMPSON MEANT TO HUNT BIG GAME IN THE FAR-DISTANT RECESSES OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA ROCKIES...
THIS AREA IS HARDLY EVER SEEN BY ANYBODY! WE OUGHT TO HAVE QUITE A HUNT!
GREAT FLOCKS OF TRUMPETER SWANS ROSE AND CRIED SHRILLY AS THEY SAW THE GUN-BEARING INVADERS...
DON'T SHOOT, JED! LET'S SAVE OUR BULLETS FOR THE GROUND ANIMALS!
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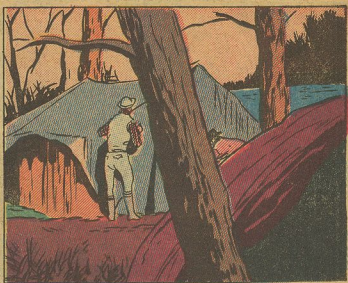
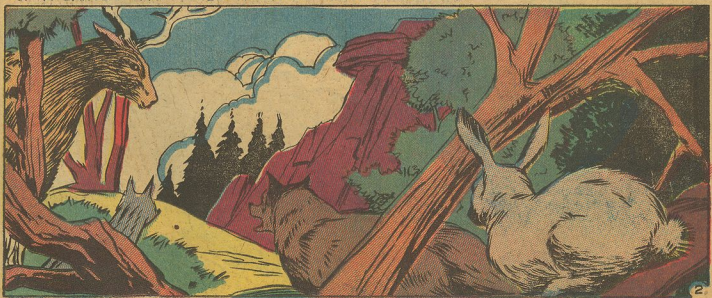
THE MEN WERE SPOILERS...THEY HUNTED AND KILLED ANIMALS RUTHLESSLY ONLY FOR THE SAKE OF SHOOTING, AND THEY CALLED THEMSELVES "SPORTSMEN"...

UP IN THE HIGHLANDS, ANIMALS GATHERED NERVOUSLY, SCENTING THE ARRIVAL OF A DANGER THAT WOULD THREATEN THEIR PARADISE!

THEY ALL ARRIVED AT THE SAME DECISION... TO SEE KARDAR, THE GREAT, ALL-WISE GRIZZLY...

THE MIGHTY BEAR FELT THEIR PLIGHT AND HE KNEW HE HAD TO TAKE THE ACTION HE TOOK WHENEVER MEN THREATENED THE CREATURES OF THE FOREST THERE...

MEANWHILE, THE HUNT-CRAZED MEN BECAME IMPATIENT...
WHERE'S THE GAME! WE HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN A CHIPMUNK FOR AN HOUR!
YEAH, BUT WE'LL MEET SOMETHING SOON...

THERE, CLIFF! IT'S A GRIZZLY!
I'LL GET HIM!

DON'T SHOOT! THERE'S A GIRL!
WHAT'S A GIRL DOING AROUND HERE? IT MUST BE ANOTHER HUNTING PARTY!

DON'T SHOOT MY PETS! GO AWAY!

LOOK, LADY, THIS REGION IS OPEN TO HUNTERS!

PAY NO ATTENTION TO HER! IF WE SHOOT ONE OF HER PETS, IT'S JUST TOO BAD!

HEY, LOOK DOWN THERE! THERE'S ANOTHER GRIZZLY!

THERE SHE IS AGAIN! HOW DID SHE GET THERE SO FAST?
AND WHERE'S THE BEAR?

SHE'S ... SHE'S UP THERE, TOO!
THERE COULDN'T BE TWO GIRLS LIKE THAT, COULD THERE? AND SHE'S RIGHT WHERE THE DANGEROUS BEARS WERE!

THE TWO HUNTERS WERE FEAR-RIDDEN! THEY LOST ALL INTEREST IN HUNTING NOW AND BROKE CAMP!
LET'S GET BACK TO CIVILIZATION... FAST!
YEAH... THIS IS BEYOND OUR UNDERSTANDING!

AS THE MEN HURRIED AWAY, THEY WERE WATCHED BY THE BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN THE SUIT OF RED...

THE GREAT BEAR KARDAR HAD THE GIFT OF CREATING THE ILLUSION OF A GIRL KNOWING THAT MEN WOULD NOT BE APT TO SHOOT A BEAUTIFUL MISS!

AGAIN PEACE REIGNED IN THE MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS... UNTIL OTHER FOOLHARDY HUNTERS WOULD COME AND BE DRIVEN AWAY BY THE INEXPLICABLE!
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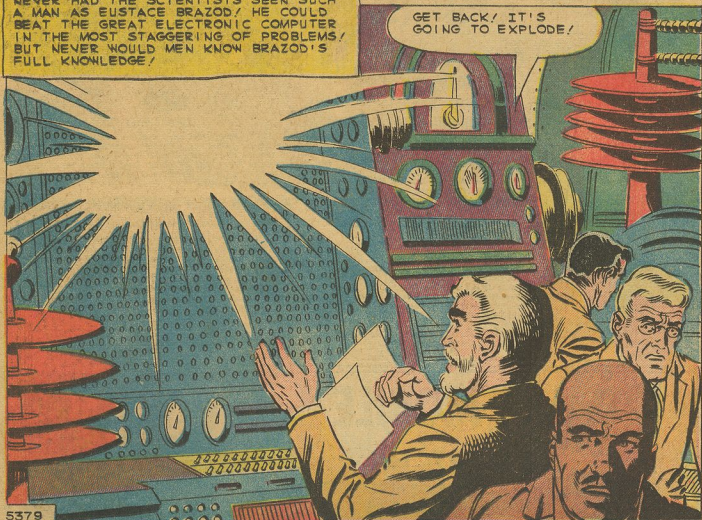
THE THREAT FROM BEYOND

NEVER HAD THE SCIENTISTS SEEN SUCH A MAN AS EUSTACE BRAZOD! HE COULD BEAT THE GREAT ELECTRONIC COMPUTER IN THE MOST STAGGERING OF PROBLEMS! BUT NEVER WOULD MEN KNOW BRAZOD'S FULL KNOWLEDGE!

GET BACK! IT'S GOING TO EXPLODE!

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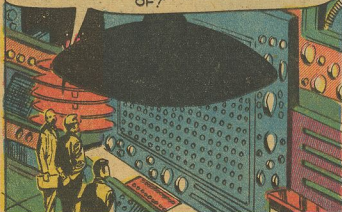
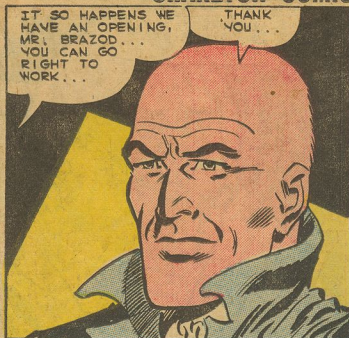
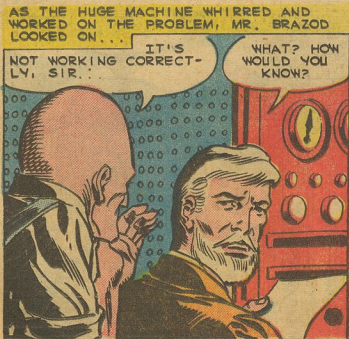
SOME WEEKS BEFORE, ENGINEERS WERE ELATED! THEY HAD ARRIVED AT THE SOLUTION OF BUILDING THE GREATEST ELECTRONIC COMPUTER YET DEVISED!

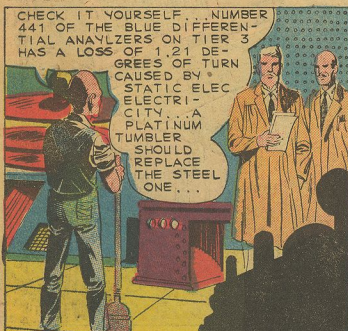
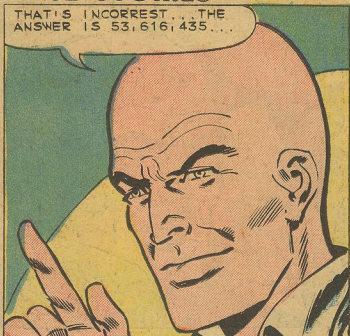
HERE WE'LL HAVE A MACHINE THAT WILL WILL GIVE FAR MORE ANSWERS, AND QUICKER, TO EVERY MATHEMATICAL PROBLEM THAT'S EVER BEEN THOUGHT OF!

IT SO HAPPENS WE HAVE AN OPENING, MR. BRAZOD... YOU CAN GO RIGHT TO WORK...
THANK YOU...

THE LITTLE JANITOR SEEMED TO STARE AT THE HUGE "BRAIN" THE ENGINEERS WERE ASSEMBLING...HE ALSO APPEARED TO BE AMUSED...
I GUESS THAT JANITOR THINKS THIS IS QUITE A JOKE...

ONE DAY THE GREAT COMPUTER WAS READY FOR ITS FIRST PROBLEM! SCIENTISTS FROM MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTRY ASSEMBLED...
THE FIRST PROBLEM I SHALL GIVE THE MACHINE IS TO MAKE IT DETERMINE THE EXACT DISTANCE IN MILES FROM EARTH TO MARS!

AS THE HUGE MACHINE WHIRRED AND WORKED ON THE PROBLEM, MR. BRAZOD LOOKED ON...
IT'S NOT WORKING CORRECTLY, SIR...
WHAT? HOW WOULD YOU KNOW?

I...I JUST KNOW...BUT IT'S TRUE WHAT I SAY...

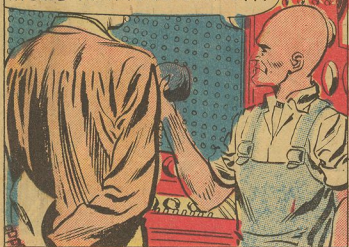
IN A FEW MINUTES THE ANSWER CAME FORTH...
48,286,342 MILES, GENTLEMEN!
BRAVO!

THAT'S INCORREST... THE ANSWER IS 53,616,435...

CHECK IT YOURSELF... NUMBER 441 OF THE BLUE DIFFERENTIAL ANAYLZERS ON TIER 3 HAS A LOSS OF 1.21 DEGREES OF TURN CAUSED BY STATIC ELEC ELECTRICITY... A PLATINUM TUMBLER SHOULD REPLACE THE STEEL ONE...

HE SPEAKS WITH SUCH AUTHORITY! LET'S CHECK IT...

BRAZOD IS CORRECT!
53,616,435, BUT... BUT HOW DID YOU SOLVE THE DISTANCE PROBLEM SO SWIFTLY?
I KNOW... A LOT OF THINGS...

THE FASCINATED SCIENTIST BEGAN A CONTEST TO SEE IF BRAZOD COULD BEAT THE COMPUTER AS WELL AS GET THE ANSWERS CORRECTLY...

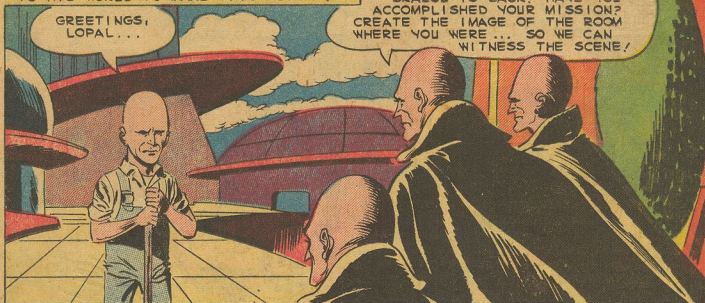
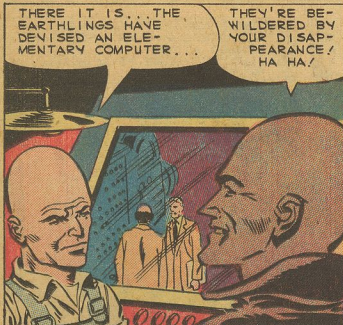
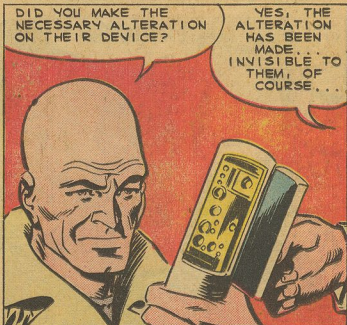
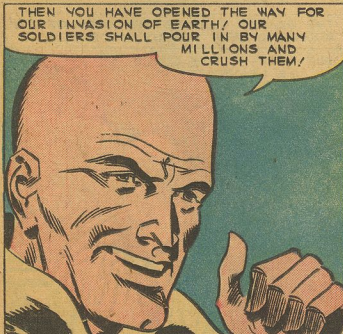
THE ANSWER IS 431.67 GRAMS OF NICKEL IN THIS METEORITE...

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THE COMPUTER GIVES BUT THE MACHINE TOOK 14 MINUTES WHEREAS YOU DID IT INSTANTLY!

YOUR MACHINE IS CUMBERSOME AND WILL HAVE INEFFICIENCES YOU CANNOT BETTER...

THIS MAN HAS AN AMAZING MENTAL QUIRK THAT MAKES HIM ARRIVE AT ANSWERS IMMEDIATELY...LET US TRY TO FIND OUT MORE FROM HIM...

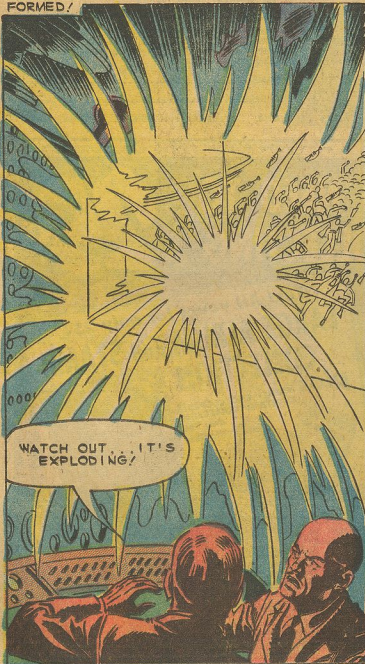
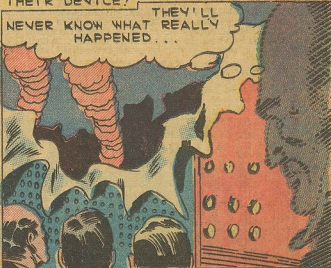
WHERE IS HE? DID HE GO OUT? MR. BRAZOD?

THE GUARDS OUTSIDE THE DOOR OF THE ROOM HAD SEEN NOBODY LEAVE!
BUT WHERE...HOW COULD HE LEAVE?

INDEED, BRAZOD WAS GONE... GONE BACK TO HIS WORLD TO MAKE HIS REPORT!
GREETINGS, LOPAL...
AH, OUR SUPREME SCIENTIST BRAZOD IS BACK! HAVE YOU ACCOMPLISHED YOUR MISSION? CREATE THE IMAGE OF THE ROOM WHERE YOU WERE... SO WE CAN WITNESS THE SCENE!

THERE IT IS... THE EARTHLINGS HAVE DEVISED AN ELEMENTARY COMPUTER...
THEY'RE BEWILDERED BY YOUR DISAPPEARANCE! HA HA!

DID YOU MAKE THE NECESSARY ALTERATION ON THEIR DEVICE?
YES, THE ALTERATION HAS BEEN MADE... INVISIBLE TO THEM, OF COURSE...

THEN YOU HAVE OPENED THE WAY FOR OUR INVASION OF EARTH! OUR SOLDIERS SHALL POUR IN BY MANY MILLIONS AND CRUSH THEM!

BUT BRAZOD, THE GENIUS OF HIS DIMENSION, WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD TRAVERSE INTO OTHER DIMENSIONS! HE HAD OTHER IDEAS, DIFFERENT THAN THE TYRANT LOPAL!

LOPAL DID NOT KNOW THE KIND OF MECHANISM BRAZOD HAD ATTACHED TO THE COMPUTER! BRAZOD HATED LOPAL'S THOUGHTS OF WARFARE AND INVASION!

BRAZOD THEN REAPPEARED ON EARTH IN INVISIBLE FORM TO WATCH THE RESULTS...

SUDDENLY A GREAT BEAM OF LIGHT FORMED!

BRAZOD HAD STOPPED THE INVASION FOREVER...THE UNKNOWING SCIENTISTS PRESUMED THAT ELECTRIC CURRENT HAD CAUSED AN EXPLOSION OF THEIR DEVICE!

BRAZOD ASSUMED HIS FORM IN ANOTHER QUARTER OF THE EARTH AND NEVER REVEALED HIS TRUE IDENTITY...HERE ON EARTH HE FOUND A HAPPY LIFE...

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CAUGHT!

The man seated behind the walnut desk was in his early forties. His face was clean shaven and the curly brown hair on his head was as yet untouched by grey. His two black eyes were large and when he talked he always looked straight at you.

"Seems as though he can read your thoughts," is what they said about Norman Kurvy, head of the Federal Crime Fighters. He always appeared relaxed, no matter how difficult a case he and his men might be working on. Just nowa young man was seated opposite him.

"I hope that we may have the pleasure of having you as our guest speaker next month," said young Thomas Gaffin. "As secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Crime, I know what a good job you are doing."

"As soon as we can bring the present case to a successful conclusion," replied Norman Kurvy, "I shall be glad to speak to your society. Name the topic."

"We are all interested in the part played by fingerprints in helping to catch a criminal and I thought that would be a good topic."

"It certainly would," agreed the head of the F.C.F. "There is a good deal of historical material upon the subject of fingerprint identification in the United States. Did you know that the first record we have of the use of fingerprints in this country concerns a Mr. Gilbert Thompson? He was a member of the United States Geological Survey. He hit upon the idea of using his thumb impression to prevent the forgery of commissary orders during his supervision of a survey in New Mexico in 1882. Before we used fingerprints, we used the Bertillion system. In the famous West Brothers Case, we had two brothers who were practically identical. Their Bertillion measurements were almost the same and you couldn't tell one from the other when you saw their photographs. But their fingerprints were completely different. No two human beings can have the same set of fingerprints."

"You mentioned a case which you were working on," interrupted Thomas Gaffin. "Would it be possible for me to watch you and your agents as you handle this case?"

"No objections," answered Kurvy, "because it has nothing to do with national security. It concerns the happiness of a John Person and his family. We have jurisdiction whenever a law of the United States has been violated; whenever a crime has been committed against the property of the United States or against any of the numerous federal agencies; whenever the rights and privileges of a citizen have illegally been interfered with; whenever any state, county, or local police departments requests our assistance; or whenever any federal facility has been used by a criminal. In the present case, letters were sent through the Post Office Department threatening Mr. John Person. Come with me to our laboratory and you can see some of our technicians."

The two men left the office and walked down a narrow corridor. Then they entered a laboratory room.

"Hello chief," Agent Daniel Carlson greeted them. "I guess you want a report on the Person case. Can I talk in front of your guest?"

"That's why I brought him here," explained Norman Kurvy. "I'll introduce you two. Special Agent Daniel Carlson meet Thomas Gaffin. You will take Mr. Gaffin with you and show him how you are handling the case. Meanwhile, what's new?"

"We have been unable to find any latent prints on the various notes sent to Mr. Person. The paper and envelope in each case are the same. Made by the Henderson Paper Company and sold in five and ten cent stores, stationery stores, and department stores. The letters are cut out from newspapers. The writer uses the Daily Herald and the Morning Tribune. All letters come through the Central Avenue Post Office. We have put plan B into effect."

"What's plan B?" questioned Gaffin.

"Meet me here tomorrow morning at six to the second and you can watch plan B go into effect."

The next morning Thomas Gaffin met Special

Agent Carlson. The two went out to a waiting mail pickup truck and sat in the back. The truck went on its route.

"Sixty agents are riding in thirty U.S. Mail trucks which pick up the mail for the Central Avenue Post Office," explained the F.C.F. agent. "As the mail is taken out of every mail box it is put into a special small marked bag. We examine each bag. We can do most of them now. The rest when the truck reaches the Post Office. We want to locate the mail box used by the sender of those letters."

Thomas Gaffin helped check every letter and by twelve he was a tired and hungry man. The car stopped in front of the Post Office. Frank Malony, Post Office Inspector greeted Special Agent Carlson with a big smile.

"We have two of the letters already. One must have been dropped into the mail box last night after the last pickup. And the other this morning before the first pickup. The box is on the southeast corner of Sherwood Boulevard."

Special Agent Daniel Carlson took the two letters carefully.

"I'll take them both back to the laboratory. Maybe we can get a single fingerprint. We'll set up the camera survey. The boys will start working on it at midnight."

At midnight, an eager Thomas Gaffin watched what looked like an electric company repair truck go into action.

"They are setting up two of the new high speed Army cameras. A photograph will be made of every person who deposits a letter into the mail box. Inside the box is a special slot so that the letters fall one upon the other. Thus the first picture should be of the person who dropped the letter on the bottom of the pile. And the sixty-seventh picture should be of the person who dropped the sixty-seventh letter. True, things may go wrong. But that is the way it should work. Go home and get some sleep. Tomorrow at noon we develop our first reel and check with the letters in the box."

There was an air of excitement in the small room as the projector threw upo large screen the picture of a man with umber 87. For the eighty-seventh letter had been addressed to Mr. Person.

"I recognize that fellow," shouted the voice of Special Agent Daniel Carlson. "I arrested him two years ago. He was mixed up with a ring that was stealing cars here and shipping them abroad for resale. He received a one year sentence for his part. We can get his record."

Roger Horton alias Ben Cigarro alias Romero Hosano was found to be living at 246 East Pine Street. Walking south on Pine Street one would come to the southeast corner of Sherwood Boulevard. And there was located the mail box into which the letters had been dropped.

"We'll set up a block detail and as he starts to open the mail box to drop the letter we must nab our man," said Agent Carlson. "Mr. Gaffin you will be with me and see what results we have."

Ten feet from the mail box there was a street cleaner. Eight feet from the mail box a man was fixing the motor on his stalled automobile. A window washer with his bucket and brush was walking up and down the street. Twenty-five feet from the mail box there was a fire hydrant and two men were checking it. At the corner of the street there was a drug store. Every man around that mail box was a F.C.F. man. Inside the drug store waited Agent Daniel Carlson and his guest.

A thin middle-aged man started to drop a letter into the box but he never made it. Two husky men grabbed him and a third got the letter.

"Help, Help!" shouted the startled man.

"That's what you'll need," commented a F.C.F. man as he noticed the name of Mr. Person on the letter.

The suspect was taken to his small apartment and shouted he was innocent.

"You can't search my place without a warrant," he maintained.

"We already have one," pointed out Agent Carlson.

A quick search produced a box of stationary and cut up letters ready to be pasted on another sheet of paper.

"I guess you guys got me cold," admitted Roger Horton. "But I can't figure out how you caught me."

"You caught yourself," said Agent Daniel Carlson, "the day you started on the path of crime. You wove a web that sooner or later would trap you. You'll have a lot of time to do some figuring. Don't waste it on how we caught you. Figure out how to go straight when you come out this time."

— THE END —

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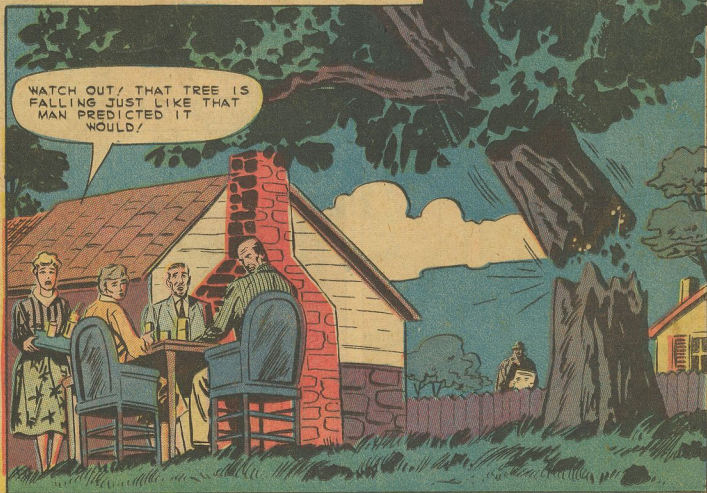
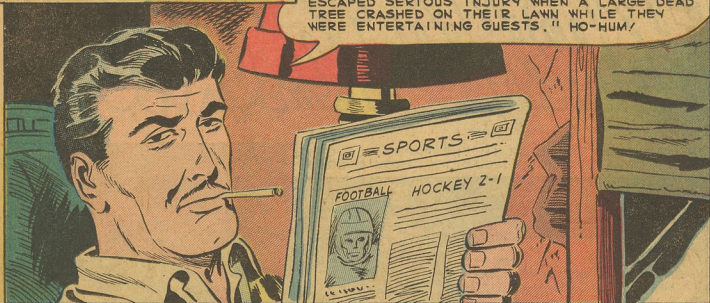
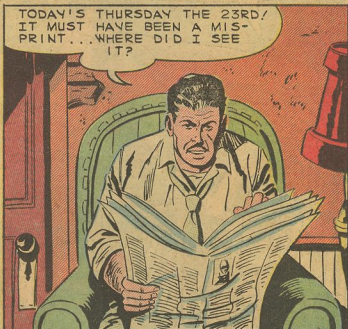
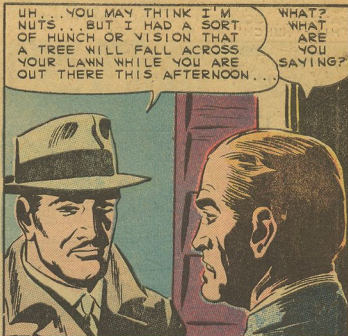
IT HAPPENED TOMORROW

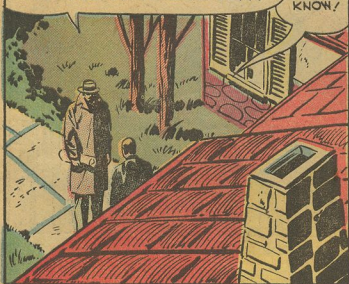
HE HAD READ THE ITEM IN THE PAPER... SUCH A SMALL NEWS BIT BUT IT WAS TOMORROW'S NEWS!

WATCH OUT! THAT TREE IS FALLING JUST LIKE THAT MAN PREDICTED IT WOULD!

AN ITEM, NOT PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT, CAUGHT SAM'S EYE...
"ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCT. 24TH, MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR SPELVIN OF CARLING DRIVE, ESCAPED SERIOUS INJURY WHEN A LARGE DEAD TREE CRASHED ON THEIR LAWN WHILE THEY WERE ENTERTAINING GUESTS." HO-HUM!
SPORTS
FOOTBALL
HOCKEY 2-1

WELL, LET'S SEE WHAT THE SPORTS SECT...SAY! WHERE WAS THAT ITEM?
SPORTS
FOOTBALL
HOCKEY 2-1

TODAY'S THURSDAY THE 23RD! IT MUST HAVE BEEN A MISPRINT...WHERE DID I SEE IT?

I'VE LOOKED ALL OVER FOR THAT ITEM...I CAN'T FIND IT ANYWHERE... AND I'VE BEEN THROUGH EVERY SQUARE INCH OF THAT PAPER THREE TIMES...

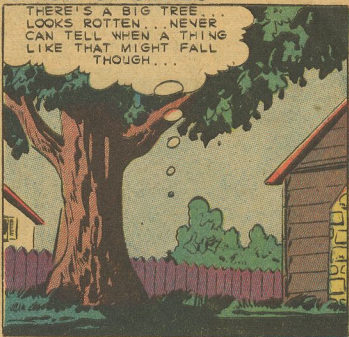
MAYBE IT'S JUST A HUNCH...OR A MESSAGE BUT I THINK I'LL GO AND WARN THOSE PEOPLE TOMORROW...

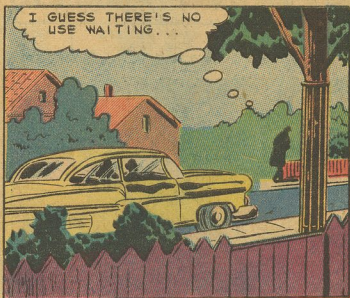
FASCINATED BY THE IDEA THAT HE MIGHT HAVE FORESIGHT, SAM MEANT TO PROVE IT...THE NEXT MORNING HE CALLED AT THE SPELVIN'S!

UH...YOU MAY THINK I'M NUTS...BUT I HAD A SORT OF HUNCH OR VISION THAT A TREE WILL FALL ACROSS YOUR LAWN WHILE YOU ARE OUT THERE THIS AFTERNOON...
WHAT? ...WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

WELL, WHEN YOU HAVE GUESTS THIS AFTERNOON, THE TREE WILL FALL SO BE CAREFUL...
HOW DO YOU KNOW!

I TOLD YOU IT WAS A... A HUNCH! I READ IT WOULD HAPPEN!
GO AWAY... BESIDES I'M NOT HAVING GUESTS!

WHAT DID HE MEAN?...A TREE WOULD FALL?
I DON'T KNOW... HE'S JUST SOME NUT...

SAM DECIDED TO STAY NEARBY AND OB-SERVE IF ANYTHING UNUSUAL MIGHT HAPPEN... SOMEHOW HE HAD FAITH IN THIS "HUNCH" AS HE CALLED IT...

THERE'S A BIG TREE... LOOKS ROTTEN... NEVER CAN TELL WHEN A THING LIKE THAT MIGHT FALL THOUGH...

TIME PASSED INTO EARLY AFTERNOON... SAM BECAME IMPATIENT WITH WAITING ...AND DOUBTFUL OF HIS "HUNCH."
HE HAD NO GUESTS... I'M ALL WRONG ABOUT THIS...

I GUESS THERE'S NO USE WAITING...
JUST THEN A CAR DROVE UP AND STOPPED!

WHY, IT'S THE WALLACES!
HOW NICE!
JUST DROPPED IN FOR A SURPRISE VISIT, FOLKS!
GUESTS!

SO THIS IS YOUR NEW PLACE, EH?
LIKE IT? I'LL SHOW YOU THE INSIDE SOON...

MAY, BRING OUT SOME REFRESHMENTS, PLEASE...
OH, ARTHUR, COULD I SEE YOU A MOMENT?

IT'S JUST LIKE THAT MYSTERIOUS MAN SAID...HE SAID WE WERE GOING TO HAVE GUESTS...

OH, NEVER MIND ABOUT THAT NUT! AND DON'T BRING IT UP TO THE WALLACE'S...YOU KNOW SHE'S A NERVOUS WOMAN...

A LITTLE LATER...
ARTHUR! THE TREE IS FALLING!
CREEEAK

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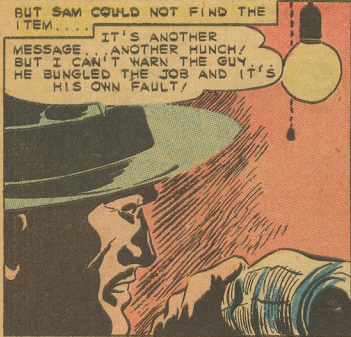
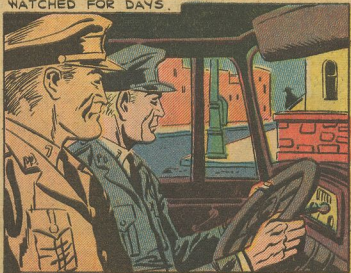
BUT SAM COULD NOT FIND THE ITEM....
IT'S ANOTHER MESSAGE... ANOTHER HUNCH! BUT I CAN'T WARN THE GUY. HE BUNGLED THE JOB AND IT'S HIS OWN FAULT!

I'M GOING TO HOLD-UP THE FARNUM DAIRY AND I'VE GOT THE PLACE CAREFULLY CASED...

THE OUTLAW WAS CONFIDENT THE JOB WOULD COME OFF AND PAID NO MORE ATTENTION TO THE THOUGHT OF "HUNCHES" IN THE PAPER...

THE NEXT DAY SAM LEFT AT NOON FOR HIS ROBBERY, NOT REALIZING HE HAD BEEN TRACED TO THE ROOMING HOUSE BY POLICE AND HIS ACTIONS BEEN WATCHED FOR DAYS.

THEY HAVE THEIR WEEK'S RECEIPTS AT THE DAIRY AT THIS TIME...I OUGHT TO MAKE QUITE A HAUL!
FARNHAM DAIRY
DAIRY

HAND OVER ALL YOUR MONEY QUIETLY!

SORRY, SAM... NO MORE HOISTS FOR YOU!

YOU'RE NOT GETTING ME, COPPERS!

WHERE COULD HE GO? THAT CULVERT!
IT'S NO USE RUNNING, SAM...
A C-CULVERT! WHY THAT'S JUST LIKE THAT NEWS ITEM! BUT THAT ITEM READ THE GLENVIEW DAIRY!

YOU ALL RIGHT NOW, SIR?
YES...BUT IF THIS GETS IN THE PAPERS BE SURE TO SAY THIS HAPPENED AT THE GLENVIEW DAIRIES! WE JUST CHANGED THE NAME THIS MORNING...HADN'T TIME TO CHANGE THE SIGN YET...
END

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